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THE ARTHUR
LINDVALLS



THE
ROY
WHITTS

Personal Mention

News comes of a recent revival conducted by Evangelist HERSHAL J. COOPER of Stockton in the Flat Rock Assembly of God in London, Arkansas. The blessing of God showered down upon everyone during the meetings. 22 persons prayed through to salvation and 9 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A large number received healing of various afflictions.

A letter has come from JOHN PECK telling of his work in Mexico. The days have been filled with many meetings in various towns. He reports that many souls have been saved and many folk healed during this time. He has also taught early morning classes for the instruction of new believers and has been encouraged by the steady growth in attendance.

The F. A. STURGEONS write from Norway of the Lord's gracious outpouring on the services there. "The revivals are like the United States used to have 20 or 30 years ago," they report. The churches are packed and souls are being won to the Lord. Many young people have been attending the meetings.

The GARLAND COVINGTONS have accepted the pastorate in New Plymouth, Idaho. They report that already the Lord is blessing mightily in the church.

Evangelist E. H. SHERRATT is going on in his revival work. Since he left California some four years ago he has been through every state and Canada, holding services.

A letter has come from the GROVER BIRMINGHAMS in Madera thanking the many friends of the District for their earnest prayers and help in a material way during Mrs. Birmingham's illness. She seems to be improving now but she still needs prayer for her complete recovery.

Evangelists LELAND and SHIRLEY GOOD have also withdrawn from the evangelistic field to assume the pastorate of the assembly at Sweet, Idaho.

Brother HERBERT KIMBER, former music teacher at B. B. C., has returned to our District and will be available for one-night special meetings, ministering both in song and in the Word.

A letter from the JAMES C. MERWINs postmarked Manila, Philippine Islands tells of a safe journey so far and their eager anticipation to arrive in Japan. Their address will be P. O. Box 1016, Tokyo, Japan.

WILLIAM C. SCHOBERT, formerly pastor of the Church of the Good

Shepherd of Santa Rosa, has been selected as one of 25 teachers of college and high school German throughout the U. S. for a Fulbright Scholarship. This honor includes an intensified course of study at the Goethe Institute of the University of Munich during this summer season. For the past 2 years Dr. Schobert has been a member of the faculty of the San Lorenzo High School and has taught German, Business English, and Typing.

WHO'S NEW?

On February 21, Toni Renee arrived at the home of Evangelists Al and Wilma Wyrick. Toni's weight was 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

The Austin Bakers have announced the arrival of Karen Diane, 6 pounds and 11½ ounces, on March 5. Austin Baker is the Musical Director at the Monte Vista Assembly of God.

Little Yolanda Gail has arrived at the home of B. B. C. students, Charlyn and Aubrey Roberts. The happy day was March 14.

News of our District MISSIONARIES

by Margaret Bond

The great missionary service of the District Council which was held on Friday evening, February 22, was truly blessed of the Lord. The missionary film "Dark Battleground" was shown, and Rev. J. Paul Bruton brought a stirring missionary message. An interesting feature of the service was the introduction of each of the missionaries present followed by a short interview concerning the field represented and the various current needs. At the close of the service an offering was taken which amounted to \$523.10.

The PAUL WRIGHTS sent a note of thanksgiving for the gracious way in which God has been helping them to get their support. They expect to finish their itineration in this district early in May.

Brother and Sister JOHN LEMOS expect to be sailing for Brazil the first part of April. These young people were ordained simultaneously at the precious ordination service of the District Council.

We extend a hearty welcome to Brother PAUL COOPER who has recently returned to the states from Honduras, Central America. Sister Cooper and family arrived home the latter part of January.

Brother ARTHUR LINDVALL will be starting his itineration of our dis-

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trict in the East Bay Section the first part of April.

Brother and Sister LINDVALL and the PAUL WRIGHTS will be featured in the missionary convention of Bethel Church, San Jose, April 26-28. Brother T. G. Sutton is pastor.

Brother E. L. Cole of San Bruno is planning a missionary convention in his church, May 29-June 2. Brother and Sister BERNHARD JOHNSON, Jr. will be representing Brazil, and the LOWELL DOWDYS, Chile, S. A.

We rejoice with Brother and Sister WHEELER ANDERSON in the news that two of their children received the Holy Spirit in a recent revival in Taft where they are living.

The Empty Tomb

by Dwight H. McLaughlin



ONE THING is certain in history, that is that there was a man named Jesus Christ. The records of His life, death, burial, and resurrection are a matter of available information to anyone who will take the time to read.

The resurrection of Christ is just as much a fact as any of the other details concerning Him. Though the meaning of the resurrection is a theological matter, the fact of it is a historical matter. The nature of the resurrection body of Jesus may be a mystery, but the fact that the body disappeared from the tomb is a matter of historical evidence.

There can be no resurrection until someone has died. Christ actually died and was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea. On the third day He arose from the tomb and was seen to be alive. 1 Cor. 15:1-8.

Jesus staked the entire future of His Church on His prediction that He would rise from the dead. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:19. Since Jesus

said that He would die and would rise again from the dead, it was positively demanded that such events should happen.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the principal fact in the believing and the preaching of the early apostles. There was no question in their minds as to whether this was the same Jesus or whether He was alive again from the dead. They were absolutely certain that He had risen from the dead. To them, the resurrection of Jesus explained the meaning of His death. To them, it was the principal basis for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

The proofs or evidences of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead are many:

1) There is the silent testimony of the empty tomb. The tomb where He was buried was found to be empty on the third morning.

2) There were a number of persons who witnessed the fact that the tomb was empty — Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, also Peter and John. Matt. 28:1-6; John 20:1-8.

3) The angel attendant at the tomb testified to His resurrection when he said, "He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6.

4) The clothes in which He was buried were found after His resurrection lying in the tomb and were identified to be the exact clothes in which He was buried.

5) There are a number of people mentioned in the Bible, whose character we have no reason to doubt, who, though they did not witness His actual resurrection from the dead, saw Him after He was raised. The Lord's appearances were many. There are at least 14 post-resurrection appearances of Jesus that are recorded in the New Testament.

Jesus Christ said He would die. He was crucified on the cross and there He died and was buried. But Jesus Christ rose again. Our faith is based upon the truth that One died for our sins, that He was buried, and that He rose from the dead. The entire Christian religion, Roman Catholic and Pro-

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HE IS RISEN INDEED!

by

LILLIE BUFFUM

When Jesus Christ the Lord was slain
The Temple veil was rent in twain,
And darkness veiled the sun.
While earth was drinking in His BLOOD,
He proved He was the Son of GOD,
That blessed Holy ONE.

Into the tomb they laid Him then
Forgetting He should rise again;
As He declared t'would be;
As He had told them o'er and o'er
That He should rise and go before,
And meet them there in Galilee.

They searched the grave, their Lord to find
But all that He had left behind,
Were grave clothes neatly laid;
"He is not here," The Angel said
"Why seek the Lord among the dead?"
Redemption's price is paid.

He conquered death, hell and the grave
And ever lives, our souls to save
The blessed risen LORD;
That lowly man of Galilee,
Now intercedes for you and me,
So reads the sacred Word.

He'll some day leave His Father's throne,
And come to claim His very own,
His blood washed waiting BRIDE;
We'll rise to meet Him in the air
To eat the Marriage Supper there,
Bride and Bridegroom side by side.

So let's be faithful watch and pray,
And look for Him most any day,
With robes all spotless white;
According to the signs it's true
His coming must be nearly due,
Perhaps He'll come to-night.

SCHOOL MEN MEET

A report by L. R. Keys, President of Bethany Bible College

I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE BETHANY Bible College Board of Directors to write a brief report concerning the meetings of the Accredited Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

It is a well-known fact that this Accrediting Association with headquarters in Providence, Rhode Island and annual meetings in Chicago, has rendered great service to the Bible School movement of America. By the association of scores of Bible Schools and seminaries in this movement, there has come about a rise in the standards of the schools in many different ways. With all the schools, there has been the primary objective of honoring Christ and the inspired Word of God. In the case of schools, whose academic standards have been somewhat wanting, there has been a raising of the standard in this respect. New courses have been added to the curriculum, and courses already being given have been strengthened. By the insistence upon a high percentage of degreed teachers, the level of teaching ability and efficiency has likewise been raised. Bogus degrees from questionable sources have been frowned upon and there has been an approach to genuine scholarship on the part of the faculty. As to the students, thorough-going requirements for academic credit and graduation have been enforced.

It is a wonderful experience to sit in the meetings of this Accrediting Association and hear the deeply spiritual addresses of representatives educators of many Evangelical movements in America, including the Assemblies of God. It is a source of spiritual edification to attend the prayer times in which these men of unquestioned academic standing and genuine spirituality pour out their hearts to God in prayer for our schools, our faculties, and our students.

The writer attended the 8th annual meeting in 1954 and also the 10th annual meeting held in 1956. All of the Assembly of God schoolmen are present at these meetings including our Secretary of Education, Brother Ashcroft. On the display table, the cat-

alogs of the various schools are presented. One is impressed by the similarities of objectives of the schools represented. Briefly, these objectives may be summed up as a desire to glorify God through Jesus Christ in the preparation of men and women for Spirit-endowed ministry, unto the salvation of the lost, and the up-building of the church.

A run-down of some of the addresses and subjects for the workshops of the 10th annual meeting held last Fall, will give an idea as to the ground covered in these yearly meetings:

"Keeping your Periscopes Up With Respect to Financial Administration."

"Improving Our Teaching of the Bible."

"Stimulating Student Procurement."

"Increasing College Income and Apportioning Expenditures."

"Vital Contributions of the Christian College and Bible Institute."

Workshops at these annual meetings are especially valuable since there is time for questions and answers and the exchange of views.

Since our Assembly of God school representatives are present at these meetings, there is a gathering among ourselves with our Educational Secretary presiding, at which time our own

needs and objectives are discussed.

Our Assembly of God men have been honored in the Accrediting Association by being asked to serve in official capacity. They have also had the privilege of speaking before the assembly of schoolmen. Bro. Bartlett Peterson, President of Central Bible Institute, was one of the evening speakers during the 1956 session.

Brother J. Roswell Flower presided over the sessions of the Committee on Education of the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God which was held in Chicago during the meeting of the Accrediting Association in 1956. The committee members were challenged by the need and the opportunity now presented in our movement. Brother Flower brought a brief stimulating address on the history of Education in the Assemblies of God. He concluded his remarks by challenging the committee to unity of purpose and action throughout our fellowship. It was stressed that schools should integrate their efforts to effect co-operation. The committee was urged to take initiative in responsibility and provide specific directions for the Department. It was felt that since the reason for our existence as a group of Assembly of God schools is to perpetuate the Pentecostal testimony, the primary emphasis to be kept foremost throughout our Educational program should be: Evangelistic fervor and missionary vision; a Spirit-filled life of deep and consistent consecration, and the development of the principles of Christian character; therefore, every effort should be made to strengthen this aim.

The writer can assure the reader that there is no thought or desire on the part of anybody to substitute education for spirituality. Education and spirituality are not mutually exclusive. It is possible to be mentally well prepared for the work of the Christian ministry and at the same time to have that preparation enriched by the endowment of "power from on high" for effective service. Moreover, it is recognized that the whole academic structure must rest upon the foundation of strong Christian character.

WILL YOU HELP US?

Bethany Bible College is in need of approximately 2,000 books, as this paper goes to press. The Library needs a minimum of 8,000 volumes for accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. It is hoped that we may be accepted but we must have these books. This is an emergency call.

Will you please send or bring as many books as possible to Bethany Bible College at your earliest convenience. These books can be in the fields of Theology, Literature, Science, Music, English, Psychology, Biography, History. We cannot use fiction. If necessary we will pay shipping charges on suitable books. Send or bring to the College at Bethany Park, Santa Cruz.

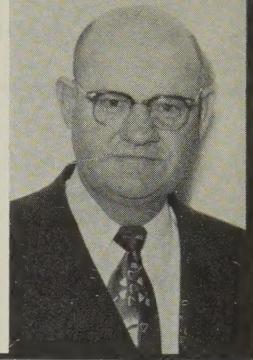
All high school and college age young people are urged to join us for the day.

B. B. C. CAMPUS DAY, MAY 4

PENTECOST

God's atomic power for man's atomic age

by C. Franklyn Murray



Pentecost is the answer to modern and formalism in the church today. There can be no revival without the power of Pentecost. Several facts concerning Pentecost are worth noting:

THE ENTRANCE OF PENTECOST

"When the DAY of Pentecost was fully come" Pentecost is for the children of today. It was a glorious day. It was not "penny-cost" — it is not something that is cheap. Neither is it "plenty-cost" — it is not something too high for the poor nor too cheap for the rich. It is for all. The first Pentecostal revival began in a home. That is a good place to begin our missionary efforts.

THE ELECTS OF PENTECOST

"THEY were all filled" Who are they? They were devout Christian believers.

They were Converted. Christ had told them: "Rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

They were Connected to Christ. The branch and vine illustration in John 15 shows forth their union with Him. As the branches receive life from the vine, so it was of them.

They were Clean. "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

They were Consecrated. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

They were chosen. Christ had said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."

They were Commissioned. "Go ye into all the world and preach."

They were Commanded. "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power."

They were Concerned. They were concerned enough about His commandments to obey. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." He has commanded us to wait until we are endued with Pentecostal power.

THE ESSENCE OF PENTECOST

The Suddenness of Pentecost. "And SUDDENLY there came." Pentecost is quick to come to a hungry, obedient, waiting heart.

The Sound of Pentecost. "There came a sound from heaven." Listen! Tune your ear! Hearken! Some don't like the sounds of Pentecost. "Too noisy," some object. Praise God for the glad hallelujahs arising from lips of Spirit-baptized souls.

The Source of Pentecost. Scripture says that it came from heaven. Some would like to suggest that it might have come from the other place. It is a heavenly blessing for earthly people.

The Swiftness of Pentecost. "As a rushing mighty wind" No man can boast of controlling the wind, especially a "rushing mighty wind."

The Strength of Pentecost. Pentecost moves things. It can move obstacles. It can move people who have been "set" for a long time. Who can hold back the torrent of Pentecostal fullness? Who dare say, "Thus far and no farther?"

The Symbols of Pentecost. "rushing mighty wind . . . cloven tongues like as of fire" The sound from heaven opens man's ears to heaven's message and awakens the sleeping Christian to go to work witnessing for Christ. That heavenly sound is God's alarm clock for sleeping saints. The fire opens our eyes to expect to see the supernatural. The wind moves us to scatter the seed of the Word as the tumbleweed scatters its seeds when the wind blows upon it. When the fuel, wind and fire come together there is certain to be something spectacular that will draw a crowd.

The Scope of Pentecost. "it filled

For the past three years C. Franklyn Murray has been pioneering a work at New Monterey. This assembly has grown excellently and the congregation are currently anticipating a program to obtain their new building.

ALL THE HOUSE where they were sitting" It restored religion to its proper place in the home. The sound opens man's ears to heaven's message; and the fire opens man's eyes to heaven's miracles.

The Speech of Pentecost. "And began to speak" This was a talking church Not talking about each other but "praising and magnifying God" Pentecost will cause dumb people to speak forth. The silent tongue will become vocal for Christ. "as the Spirit gives utterance" Oh, to speak with Holy anointing, in the power of the Spirit.

THE EFFECTS OF PENTECOST

Three groups are represented, and upon each Pentecost had its distinctive effect.

The Religious Crowd. "Jews, devout men" causing a threefold effect. First: Consternation; second: Confusion "Are not all these which speak Galileans?"; and third: Criticism "These men are full of new wine."

The Spirit-filled Crowd. It brought Courage. "Peter standing up with the eleven." Confirmation of the Word is seen "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" It brought Consistency. "They continued steadfastly"

The Sinful Crowd. They were Convicted. They were Converted. They were committed to the ordinances of the church, water baptism and "breaking of bread." They joined the church, for 3,000 were added to the 120.

They continued steadfast in: Doctrine, Fellowship, Breaking of bread, Prayers, Unity, Singleness of heart and Favor with God and man.

THE ESSENTIALS OF PENTECOST

There is a "Cost" in Pentecost. Let's spell the word C-O-S-T to see how to possess our possessions.

C Conversion: "World cannot re-
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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

CHRIST FOR ALL

RALLY

ALL FOR CHRIST

Christ's Ambassadors ALL-American Youth Rally
SUNDAY EVENING—APRIL 14

In one mighty sweep of youth evangelism, every pastor in the nation has been asked to turn his complete evening service over to his C. A.'s on Sunday evening, April 14th. The theme of the service will be "ALL." This theme is taken from the National C. A. motto: "Christ for all and all for Christ."

A special offering will be taken during the service for the support of the National C. A. Office. Since this is the only offering taken each year for the support of our national headquarters, let's all give generously and make the Northern California and Nevada District number one in the nation for total giving. We CAN do it!

Baptized on a U. S. Navy Tanker

The testimony of Vernon Mayhall of Live Oak

"The Lord baptized me in the Holy Spirit on deck of a U. S. Navy tanker just as it was pulling into the Manila Bay." Thus Vernon Mayhall testified during a recent revival at the Assembly of God Church in Live Oak, California. On this particular night, the evangelist had asked for several testimonies from those that had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

This most unique testimony so impressed the evangelist that he decided to gather the complete story from Vernon, who is the very capable CA President at the Live Oak Assembly.

The following is the thrilling testimony of Vernon Mayhall:

"Before joining the Navy, I had accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and was a member of a Baptist church in Redlands, California. In September, 1953, we left the states enroute to Sasebo, Japan. I was aboard a USS A030 tanker called "The Shemung." Two other Christians and I started having nightly prayer meetings aboard ship. By the time we

reached Pearl Harbor, the prayer meetings were being attended by fifteen to twenty boys each night. When we left Hawaii, we were given permission by the executive officer to conduct divine services aboard the ship. The Lord graciously blessed the services and several men were saved.

"My first introduction to the Full Gospel message was at the Sasebo Servicemen's Center, where a Pentecostal missionary told me about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I began to make a fresh study of the Bible and talked with other Christian sailors concerning the Pentecostal experience.

"The Lord helped me to open my heart to these glorious truths of the Word and I became convinced that I needed this endowment of power for more effective service for my Master.

"I was not without opposition to embrace this experience and be filled with the Spirit. When our ship arrived at Formosa, some missionaries met

me and advised me strongly against seeking for the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

"It was then and there that I made my decision to settle it definitely regarding the baptism. I was the ship baker and completed my duty each morning at three o'clock. For two weeks, while the ship was enroute to the Philippines, I would go out on the deck at 3 a. m. and pray for the Lord to baptize me in the Holy Spirit. My place of prayer was under one of the guns. During this time, I prayed earnestly each day and fasted several times for two days at a time.

"Then on that unforgettable morning of February 28, 1954, God met me in a wonderful way. Just as the ship was coming into the Manila Bay at early sunrise, the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire, with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance! What a transformation it was for my life!

"The Lord Himself proved the fact that He still gives this same experience the 120 received in the upper room on the day of Pentecost."

In addition to serving as CA Leader at the Live Oak Assembly, Vernon teaches the Young Adult Bible Class and is the church song leader.

Now employed as a teller at a bank in Marysville, California, Vernon plans to attend Bethany Bible College at Santa Cruz and then enter the full-time ministry.

Submitted by Evangelist Don Gossett.

LODI C. A.'s PLACE FIRST IN THE NATION

The first group of C. A.'s in the nation to turn in a 100% GOAL check was none other than our own Lodi group. With all the other C. A.'s in America we say hats off to Lodi. Watch this column next month for the picture of the Lodi C. A. president and his comments on what GOAL has meant to his group's activities.

OUR SUMMER CAMPS

HEY C. A.! Summer is coming soon and it is time to start thinking about SUMMER CAMPS. This year you have five wonderful selections:

1. REDWOOD CAMP. July 8-13.
2. SANTA CRUZ CAMP. July 15-20.
3. MINERAL CAMP. July 22-27.
4. METEOR RANCH CAMP. July 28-Aug. 3. (Clear Lake.)
5. SANTA CRUZ CAMP. August 5-10. (13 and 14 yr.)

For information write now to:

Steve Asmuth, 216 Stanislaus St., Stockton, Calif.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

A brief report on the

1957 DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 1957 Northern California-Nevada District Council of the Assemblies of God convened in Glad Tidings Temple of San Francisco, February 19-22. An excellent company of ministers, delegates, and friends were in attendance at the meetings and there was a splendid spiritual atmosphere that crowned the entire Council.

The Council proper was preceded by an impressive C. A. Rally on Monday evening with Robert Pirtle as speaker. Throughout the morning and afternoon on Tuesday the W. M. C. were in charge and they enjoyed a time of inspirational fellowship and spiritual challenge. The council proper began with the Tuesday night Home Missions Rally. This meeting was under the direction of R. A. Wil-

son Sr., District Missionary Secretary. The speaker Wednesday evening was N. D. Davidson of the Oregon District, Thursday evening L. R. Keys, president of B. B. C., and Friday evening, Paul Bruton, missionary to French West Africa.

The council included a special memorial service for District Superintendent W. T. Gaston who was called to higher service on August 26. Other ministers who had passed to their reward since the last District Council were also honored. There were 59 candidates for ordination and license. The entire council was blessed and united together in God by a lovely evening communion.

Some of the more important business transacted by the council included a provision that presbyters must

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FEBRUARY, 1957

MINISTERS —

Total at first of year	985
Total at first of month	981
Total at end of month	996

Ordained

Added	Removed
Warren S. Grant	Leo A. Suan
Harold W. Martin	Erling Saxlid
Paul Demetrus	Plus 3 who did not renew
Charles and Ida Shuss	
Richard Hartman	
George A. Peart	
Robert L. Satterfield	
Plus 31 from District Council	

Licensed

Added	Removed
28 from District Council	28 ordination candidates 8 did not renew Eumid Freeman Kenneth Grant Lilburn Richardson

Christian Workers

Added	Removed
25 new credentials	Harold L. Smith 12 Licentiate candidates 20 did not renew

Superannuated: W. H. Watson

CHURCHES —

Total at first of year	310
Total at first of month	312

Usual reasons for removal include: transfer to another district or organization, failure to renew credentials, or death.

Camp Meetings --

BETHANY PARK

June 28 - July 14
Robert Ashcroft
Carl W. Barnes

MT. LASSEN

July 2 - 14
K. M. Haystead
Star Thomas

REDWOOD

July 22 - Aug. 1
Paul Trulin

receive a two-third majority in order to be declared elected. The reserve funds in the Ministers Benevolent Fund were done away with and the minimum benefit was increased from \$500.00 to \$750.00. The executive officers were authorized to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the southwest boundary of Bethany Park in order to provide a site for Pacific Mission Village.

A motion clarified the status of the District presbytery giving them power to make interim decisions and take action on all matters provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws but requiring other matters to be referred to the District Council for ratification.

There was a discussion of our foreign missionary program and steps were taken to revise those policies that seemed to require it. The presbyters were given authority to create a Missions Board which would oversee the District missionary program.

The American Indian Fellowship of the Northern California-Nevada District of the Assemblies of God was given special recognition and its right to exist as a subsidiary corporation was ratified.

The establishment of new works was given consideration and a motion was passed providing for leaders of proposed new works to consult with the presbyter, superintendent and pastors of the section in order that there be no conflict in our total program.

A committee was appointed to draft bylaws to provide for a Men's Fellowship Department in our District.

Each of the District departments gave very encouraging and helpful

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MIRACLES: TODAY'S KEY TO SUCCESSFUL

In a very unique way in recent years, it has pleased God to fulfill His promise to confirm His Word with signs following. In a manner unprecedented, missionary-evangelists are enjoying a supernatural confirmation to their ministry of the Word. As a result, great interest is being stirred in traditionally "hard fields" and multitudes of converts are being swept

into the Kingdom.

A dramatic illustration of the new trend in missionary evangelism has been provided recently through the ministry of Brother P. R. Ford of Sebastopol. Brother Ford, the competent and respected pastor of this Assembly, was encouraged by another missionary-evangelist, Roy Whitt of Vallejo, to undertake a missionary

tour. Brother Ford chose El Salvador because of his friendship with missionary Paul Finkenbinder. El Salvador is of special interest to our District through our missionary representatives there, Ralph and Jewyl Williams, and Arthur and Jane Lindvall. Brother Williams, incidentally, is Field Superintendent for all Central America.





IONARY EVANGELISM

The Sebastopol Assembly, along with one or two others, entirely sponsored Brother Ford's trip, including transportation and living expenses. Hence, on January 25, Brother Ford began meetings in the city of San Vicente (pop. 11,000), El Salvador.

San Vicente was chosen by the missionaries because it was hitherto totally unevangelized and yet it was in a strategic and needy area. It was the belief of the missionaries that the most effective approach would be through a visiting evangelist rather than through their own efforts. Even though Brother Ford did not speak Spanish, and he required the co-operation of Brother Finkenbinder to serve as interpreter, it was felt that such an arrangement was definitely worth while.

The meetings continued nightly for

a full 30 nights and closed February 23. Although the evangelist had taken the precaution of securing a government permit, after the first few days of meetings there was continual government pressure and interference. It was only at the cost of day-by-day battling that the meetings were allowed to continue. Brother Ford and Finkenbinder were prepared to go to jail if necessary, and hence they saw their cause through to success.

The results of the meetings were phenomenal. Though they were held outdoors in a vacant lot with no seating accommodations, the attendance averaged 1,000 nightly. The conversions conservatively totaled 2,000, and there were scores of definite healings. It was the continuous miracles that served to stir interest, attract attention, and assure the presence of large

A FEW OF THOSE WHO TESTIFIED TO A MIRACLE of healing during the San Vicente campaign. (1) This man, age about 50, was well known in the city as a hopeless deaf and dumb case. He had been deaf from birth. He was instantly granted his hearing and is now learning to speak the Spanish language. (2) The two older folks were longtime cripples who had been brought to the meetings by the young man between them. The sticks they hold were their crutches. They were both instantly healed so as to be able to walk normally. (3) This woman had for 10 years been a victim of crippling rheumatism. After prayer, she was able freely to move her limbs and all pain left. (4) After years of being totally deaf in one ear this man was completely healed so as to hear normally. (5) The scar on this girl's arm marks the place where the bone protruded after a serious fracture as a result of a horse stepping on it. The child had been in pain ever since and the arm had stiffened so as to be useless. After prayer, the little girl first felt no pain, then she found she could raise her arm and move it freely for the first time in many months. (6) Evangelist Ford poses with a woman who two and one-half years ago suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and as a result lost the power of speech. God's touch upon her restored her ability to speak and she was to testify to the congregation of the miracle that had been achieved. (7) This 13 year old girl had been born totally deaf and consequently had never learned to talk. Her hearing became perfectly normal and she could repeat any words she heard. (8) An accident to this man's hand resulted in a severe infection. For a month he had been unable to move his fingers more than a little and certainly could not clench his fist. Through prayer his hand was made entirely well and he was able to flex and clench it freely.

Scenes from the San Vicente revival. 1) The lovely area in which the town is situated. 2) The revival was held in a vacant lot reached by a passageway between the houses pictured beneath the sign. 3) The evangelists in action. 4) The kitchen in which the evangelist's food was prepared. The pole is a chicken roost, but Brother Ford declares that during his stay the chickens were kept outside! What appears to be a counter behind the ladies is actually the stove. The fact that it is unvented explains the soot on the walls.

crowds nightly.

Judged by our standards, the brethren were greatly handicapped in their ministry by the various government regulations. They were not allowed to lay hands on the sick in a Biblical manner, but could simply ask that all those who wished the healing touch to raise their hands in the audience for group prayer. In spite of this rather remote contact, a great number of healings were wrought. After prayer, the evangelist would request those who had felt an immediate healing touch who wished to testify to do so. Those pictured in the accompanying spread were among those who so testified.

Brother Ford insists that he makes no claims to being a "divine healer." He simply preached the Word of God and called upon God to confirm His Word with signs following. The remarkable results seemed to be the response of the simple faith on the part of the hearers and for them the evangelist seeks no personal credit.

The outstanding fact of this revival is that it has led to the beginning of three new churches in the town of San Vicente. Three young men who were former students of the Bible School in El Salvador were invited to pastor the new converts. Halls were rented in order to provide appropriate meeting places. Hence, in a single

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Pastor of the Sunday School

A CHURCH is as Sunday School minded as its pastor. This is an axiom with hardly an exception. The principle of the saying that a stream can rise no higher than its source, is certainly true with the church. Spiritual pastors cultivate spiritual congregations. Missionary-minded pastors usually instill the thrill and challenge of the missionary program into the hearts of their hearers. Enthusiasm surely does breed enthusiasm. And Sunday School enthusiasm must first engulf the pastor. When he is "sold" on the Sunday School, he can be a dynamo for God in enlisting his members for Sunday School evangelism.

The Sunday School is the pastor's greatest opportunity to achieve the aim of his calling. Thousands of pastors have gone on record to say that about ninety percent of the results of their ministry have come through the Sunday School. These same ministers have frankly acknowledged that these results have come from only about a ten percent investment of their time. What would happen in America if every pastor became a consistent Sunday School enthusiast?

There are many reasons why the Sunday School offers the pastor his best opportunity for evangelism. One of these is the fact that there are many unsaved people who attend Sunday School but never attend church services. This is especially true of children and young people.

Those who are most susceptible to the gospel message — the children —

can be most easily reached by the Sunday School.

The third reason why the Sunday School affords the pastor his best opportunity to fulfill his ministry, is this: The Sunday School has enlisted the soul-winners of the Church and given them a weekly opportunity to reach the lost for the Lord. When the pastor of the Sunday School fully realizes the importance of this fact, he will do all he can to encourage them and train them to become more proficient in the art of winning souls.

The pastor, as the spiritual leader of the church, is the spiritual leader of each department of the church. The church is one body with many organs, one of which is the Sunday School. It has been well said that the Sunday School is the Church studying the Bible and the Church is the Sunday School worshiping God.

The executive head of the Sunday School is the superintendent. He should carry out the policies of the Sunday School with the counsel of the pastor. There should be a friendly bond between these two leaders. New ideas or plans should always be discussed thoroughly together. They should pray together until His Spirit makes them one. When each knows the frank opinions of the other and understands his own position and responsibilities, cooperation is no problem.

The pastor is the director of evangelism for the entire church. The Church was created by the Lord to

by
George H.
Davis

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fulfill the great commission of preaching and teaching the gospel to all the world. The pastor's chief task is to organize and lead his people in the most efficient way.

One of the chief Sunday School responsibilities of the pastor is the training of present and future workers. He should be the teacher of teachers. In the early church, the pastor was the master teacher who taught members to become teachers.

"A real School is impossible without real teachers and real teachers are impossible without teacher training." We will have more and better trained teachers when more pastors will provide training classes for their school.

No Sunday School worker can do his best work for God until he is charged with a genuine thrill of his high calling. His place of ministry must be a joy to him. He must be blessed before he can be a channel of blessing. In short, a Sunday School worker needs to be filled with Sunday School enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is hope in action. Someone has said that an ounce of hot enthusiasm is worth more than a ton of cold sense. The pastor must do everything he can to get his Sunday School workers on fire for God. He should urge each worker to attend sectional, district, and national Sunday School conventions.

The pastor can arrange for a Sunday School emphasis week in his church. He can arrange for Sunday School workers to come to his Assembly for Sunday School revival or invite his district Sunday School leader for a local convention. This is one way he can make it possible for all his workers to hear outstanding Sunday School speakers.

It is a big challenge which the Sunday School offers to the pastor, but the results justify every effort he will put forth.



*In His universe so vast
The Eternal holds us fast.
Here and every other place
All are children in His grace.*

*There is neither age nor youth
In the wonder of His truth.
There is nothing poor or small,
We are children, one and all.*

*Some a shorter time have known,
Some a little older grown,
All led through life's smiling land
By the Father's loving hand.*

CLARENCE EDWIN FLYNN.

HERE AND THERE

About Our District

BIGGS — Pastor Ray Oliver and his family recently celebrated their third anniversary as pastor of the church.

Good news came at District Council when they found that this church headed the list for missionary giving in the Sacramento Valley Section for the past year in both Foreign Missions and Home Missions.

CASTRO VALLEY — A revival was conducted recently by Evangelist Noble Balllew. Souls were saved and the blessing of the Lord was enjoyed by all. R. J. Boyd is the pastor.

GRASS VALLEY — Recent highlights in the services on National W. M. C. Day were the visits by the B. B. C. Girls Triple Trio, who presented a fine musical program, and missionary Miriam Wright who spoke and presented the challenge of missions. Douglas Fairrington is the pastor of this Assembly.

HOLLISTER — The church has a new pastor. He is Charles R. Shuss. The former pastors were the James Merwins.

LAS VEGAS — This Assembly also has a new pastor. He is G. O. Baker.

MADERA — An Area-wide Workers' Training Course was held at the First Assembly. Rev. L. D. Wood was host pastor. The course was planned by Sectional S. S. Representative, Rev. A. H. Drake. The instructor was Dr. James D. Rider, Anaheim, California. The following churches participated: Biola Assembly, Rev. Clarence Redding; First Assembly, Madera, Rev. L. D. Wood; Yosemite Ave. Assembly, Madera, Rev. Hendrix, pastor; Southside Assembly, Madera, Rev. T. F. Lee, pastor; and the Grace and Truth Tabernacle, Kerman, Rev. A. H. Drake, pastor. A total of fifty completed the course and received certificates.

From Missionary Maurice H. Luce of Pago Pago, American Samoa come these interesting photos: 1) Eight new converts were recently baptized in a little stream near Magiagi, Upolu Island, Western Samoa. 2) The congregation of the Assembly of God in the village of Faleasi'u, Upolu Island. Explains Brother Luce: "This is one of the villages where the parents sent many of their children to Happy Valley Christian School in Pago Pago. The children received Christ while attending school and brought literature home to their parents. A national worker was requested and sent in September,

McKINLEYVILLE — Pastor C. L. Myers writes: "We have just closed a four week revival with Rev. and Mrs. Leon Ketcherside, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. God met us in every service. Two couples were saved who had never sought God before. The church was greatly inspired by their ministry in both the Word of God and in song."

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — The church reports an outpouring of God's blessing in their revival with Evangelist Ralph Cranston. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival was extended an extra week because of the good services. The pastor is Oliver Foth, and Ardon Schmidt is the Minister of Music and Christian Education.

RICHMOND (Full Gospel Temple) — Pastor Paul Bruton writes us: "We have now been here six months and God has certainly worked many miracles. We have seen our Missionary offering grow from \$50.00 a month to \$727.00 last month. This was not a Missionary Convention but a regular month of activity. The general income of our church in addition to our Missionary giving has increased close to \$1,000 a month. The attendance has been consistently growing."

We have just concluded one of the most successful revival meetings in the recent history of Full Gospel Temple. Rev. and Mrs. Gene Martin were with us for two and one-half weeks in which we were privileged to see more than 25 receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and over 25 bow at the altar for salvation.

The first service after the conclusion of the revival showed us that although the evangelist had departed, the revival had continued and we rejoiced to see three receive the Baptism and two saved."

RIPON — In a recent letter, Pastor E. M. McKim writes: "We have just concluded a very successful Revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hood of Poteau, Oklahoma. The church was greatly blessed by their ministry."

SAN BRUNO — This C. E. F. church is taking great strides ahead for Christ. A recent church report shows that in 1954 the church offerings were about \$2,000. The report for the 1956 year was a total giving of nearly \$9,700. Already the church is missionary minded with a total missionary giving of \$816.05 for 1956, compared to \$135.54 in 1954. The S. S. attendance also has increased steadily. It has grown from an attendance of 3 on June 6, 1954 to 94 on January 6, 1957. Each one who gave to this project can see the fruit of their giving as this church marches on for Christ. Ed Cole is the pastor.

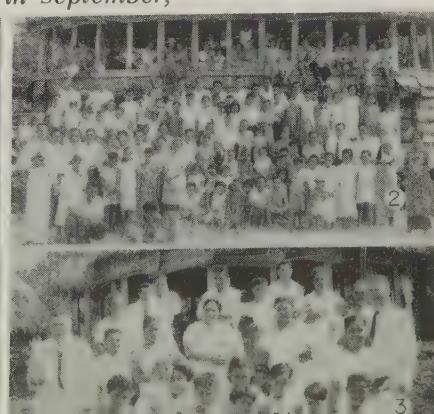
SAN JOSE (Bethel) — A note from Pastor Thomas Sutton states: "Would like to inform you that we just closed a three-week revival meeting with Rev. Arthur Arnold. We had a very fine meeting and the Lord met with us in a wonderful way."

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — Pastor Kermit Jeffrey recently conducted a Deeper Life Conference for his congregation. The meetings, which stressed the spiritual life of Christians, were of great benefit to the church.

SAN JOSE (First Assembly) — Pastor R. J. Thurmond reports a very profitable revival with Evangelist Claude Wood. The revival continued through the two weeks immediately preceding District Council. Brother Thurmond tells us that there was an unusually precious moving among the believers and a general stir and blessing through the Assembly. At least three people who began coming to the church during the special meetings have continued to attend since.

SANTA CRUZ (Bethany Bible College) — The spring revival at B.B.C. with Evangelist Claud Wood proved a time of very

1956. A few months later, 21 believers were baptized. The average Sunday school attendance is about 150. The pastor (at the left) is Brother Heli." 3) Pastor Fred Ledoux (at the right) and the Assembly of God congregation of Magiagi, Upolu Island. 4) A typical coastal village near to Pago Pago. (Photo courtesy Pan American). Brother Luce asks special prayer that his needs for travel funds should be supplied. The work of the Islands calls for more travel than his ordinary allowance covers.



special blessing. The spiritual tide ran unusually high and several students received the Baptism. In general, it was a time of spiritual responsiveness, dedication, and submission, and a great number of young people made lifetime consecrations.

SANTA ROSA — The church enjoyed a Week-end Youth Revival which featured David Paco, Hawaiian Tenor, and a quartet from Bethany Bible College. Everyone was blessed by the music and the messages and testimonies. L. R. Anderson is the pastor and R. F. Mahaffy is associate.

SONORA — A successful revival in this assembly was conducted recently by Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad. Several received the Baptism and the assembly was blessed generally. The pastor is Lee Archer.

STOCKTON (Mosswood Ave.) — In a recent letter Pastor Fred Rogers tells us: "We have just concluded a three and one-half week Revival with Evangelist and Mrs. John Giannattasio of Bridgeport, Conn. The meetings were of great spiritual blessing to the church and there was a real revival spirit among the young people. There were 24 experiences of which 11 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sister Giannattasio's musical talent was enjoyed by everyone."

WILLITS — Kenneth Bird is the new pastor of this Assembly.

WILLOWS — This church also has a new pastor who is Don Morrow, formerly of Willits.

WINTERS — Harold Treadway has come to be the new pastor of this Assembly.

WOODLAND — Pastor R. A. Wilson Jr. reports: "The Woodland Assembly is enjoying the ministry of Brother Robert Pirtle, pastor at Roseville, as he teaches the Worker's Training Course, 'Into all Truth'."

At Our National Office



Rev.
Herbert
Bruhn

BENEVOLENCE — The new Superintendent for the National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is Rev. Herbert Bruhn. Brother Bruhn is well known in many of our District assemblies through his ministry as Field Representative of the Home Missions Department. He originally was a pastor in the Southern Missouri District, but he has had several years of successful ministry at Fairbanks, Alaska. Brother Bruhn succeeds Rev. Edward T. Weaver.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS — Our Dis-

trict is included in the top 15 districts in Speed-the-Light giving for 1956. Each of these districts gave over \$10,000. Total contributions to Speed-the-Light for the year were \$366,764.58.

EDUCATION — The Education Department offers a free service plan for pastors who desire a "Recognition Service" for their high school graduates. Pastors who request the service should enclose a list of their high school seniors with the address of each.

EVANGELISM — The Department is currently compiling names for its new Directory of Evangelists. Deadline for listing in the Directory is June 1, 1957. Active evangelists should write to the Evangelism Department for information.

FOREIGN MISSIONS — Gifts to the World Missions Plan during 1956 totaled \$4,491,452.94, to top the previous year by \$298,911.18. Of the total, a little over three million was for foreign missions.

HOME MISSIONS — The Department

expects soon to publish a new book entitled *Missions USA*. The publication will be off the press by June 15.

RADIO — Within the first 6 weeks of their availability, some 1,600 Revivaltime signs had been distributed to churches pledging support of the program in 1957. All churches are invited to co-operate so that they too receive and are able to display this lovely sign.

WMC — Missionette Clubs (a sort of junior WMC for girls) are being organized at the rate of one a day. The 1957 goal is 8 new groups for the Northern California-Nevada District. The WMC Department offers a free pamphlet *What is the Missionette Club?*

On Our Overseas Front

AMERICAN SAMOA — Herman Winkelmann writes: "God is blessing, and some have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. I visited a family some time ago where there were 3 sick ones. They asked me to

The Richard Ruffs Report Blessings Upon Their Ministry in Europe



Richard and Carolyn Ruff recently arrived back in the Northern California-Nevada District after an absence of several years. They have been busily evangelizing through Western Europe and have come home only for a brief visit before they begin their summer meetings in Vienna, Austria. They are pictured above standing behind Rev. and Mrs. Franz Kramaric, the present pastors of the only Pentecostal church in Vienna. They will be cooperating with the Kramarics in their summer tent evangelistic meetings.

The Ruffs' report God's blessing upon their ministry in Europe. For four consecutive seasons they have spent each summer in tent meetings in Berlin, Germany at the very door of the Iron Curtain. During the winter they have ministered in churches in Switzerland, West Germany, France, Austria and Holland. In

Switzerland they have gathered together two new congregations in pioneer works and seen one lovely Gospel church erected.

Last spring the Ruffs embarked on a series of 18 one-week revival meetings in various towns of Western Europe. They report conversions and healings in every one of the 18 meetings. In some of the more populous areas up to 50 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in one week.

Through the past fall season they have been working in Austria, first in tent meetings until the weather became too cold and then in local Assemblies. In tent meetings in Salzburg and Linz, Austria, they saw some 50 conversions and about 25 baptisms in the Holy Spirit along with many marvelous healings.

While the Ruffs are in our District their headquarters are 1025 Glen Echo, San Jose. Phone CYPRESS 4-0616. They will be returning to Vienna on May 17 but in the meantime will be holding one night meetings in as many churches as possible. In conjunction with their ministry they are showing a film entitled, "God's Miracle in Berlin." The film features the drama of evangelism at the Iron Curtain and has many interesting scenes in and about Berlin.

Surely a great number of us will want to hear the Ruffs while they are with us and trust for God's blessing upon them now and in the future as they represent us in this worthy phase of Full Gospel Evangelism.

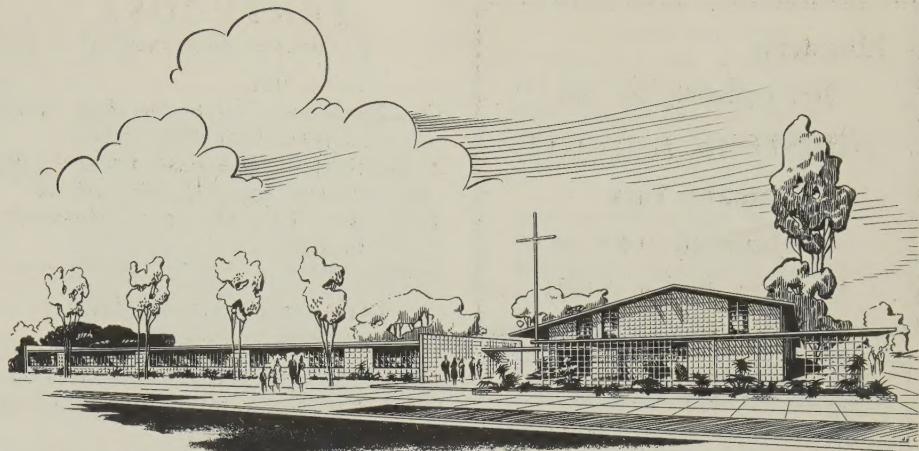
pray for them. After prayer they each testified to their healing. Praise the Lord, the great Physician."

HAWAII — Thelma Simpkins reports on her work in the Children's Home at Hamakuapoko, Maui. "We now have nine children in our care, ranging in age from 17 years to the baby 10 months old. We have had this little baby since his birth. God's hand has been upon his little life and healed him 2 different times when he was very ill. At the rate we have been receiving children, we will soon be needing more room. It's a large family to support, sometimes we wonder how we can do it, but God supplies here and there and it keeps us praying."

"We can only praise God for what He has done in each life. The Lord has opened the hearts of each of the children to the Gospel and all the children have learned to pray and trust in the Lord. One of our boys was a real "problem child" but in the 2 months we have had him he has done ever so well. The probation officer in charge of him can hardly believe it and he has said: 'This home is a haven to the children.' In church our group occupies 2 whole pews and sometimes we make up a little choir for special numbers."

JAPAN — A recent prayer letter from missionary Friedolf Sondeno emphasizes the intense spiritual hunger of the Japanese at the present time. He writes: "Just a few days ago, walking down a narrow road, we met hundreds of eager hearts on their way to a shrine for healing. We followed the crowd and were pushed and jostled into the shrine grounds where we found ourselves in front of a huge pot of fire. Several police had to control the almost wild emotional crowd from being burnt by the fire. Sometimes a big gust of wind would throw fire over the nearby worshippers. The smoke from this fire made by sticks of incense is supposed to cure their diseases. Some filled their handbags full of smoke to take home to their sick children. Oh, the awful darkness! May God help us to give them the reality of Christ, our Deliverer, who is greater than any of their gods."

Brother Sondeno tells of great successes in their radio ministry and that testimonies of conversions and healings are received each week. He concludes: "Your dollars will buy time on the radio stations, but it takes your prayers to break the power of Satan so that the message will reach the hearts of those who listen. We have had to drop some of our stations — stand by us in this needy hour so that we might be able to stay on at least our most powerful station, JOKR. God will bless you if you help."



A preliminary architect's sketch of the new church to be built by the Bethel Assembly of God of San Jose. Thomas G. Sutton is the pastor.

With the Lord

Our District has been saddened by news of the homegoing of Brother Wesley G. Kaufman, 511 Southwood Drive, Santa Rosa. Brother Kaufman was a victim of cancer and he died after several month's illness. He was ordained in 1938 and had spent most of his years of ministry in the Northwest District, but his last pastorate was at Petaluma, California. He was a brother of Riley Kaufman, District Missionary to Manila under the Far East Broadcasting Company. The deceased leaves a widow, Irene, and a young son, Dwayne. The funeral was Monday, March 18. Among the participating ministers were: J. L. Gerhart, L. R. Anderson, P. R. Ford and Elmer Coughran.

Dr. J. N. Hoover recently passed away at his home in Santa Cruz after a lengthy illness. He was well-known in our Pentecostal circles during the 1920's.

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FOR LEASE — (one year or longer). Cottage at Bethany Park. Furnished. Three rooms. Available immediately. \$35.00 monthly. Inquire: District Office.

FOR SALE — Cabin at Bethany Park on Parking lot next to Craig Chapel, second house from Bible College Dormitories, formerly owned by Dr. C. S. Pitt. Some furniture would be included. Asking price \$3,000.00, but any reasonable offer would be considered. Terms may be arranged, but cash preferred. Write H. B. Felton, 689 Chestnut St., Turlock or call Mercury 4-7690.

SACRIFICE — Tent 60x120 and all equipment. Good condition. Also 300 metal seat ends. Make offer. Contact V. G. Gortner, 3035 Deakin Street, Berkeley 5, California.

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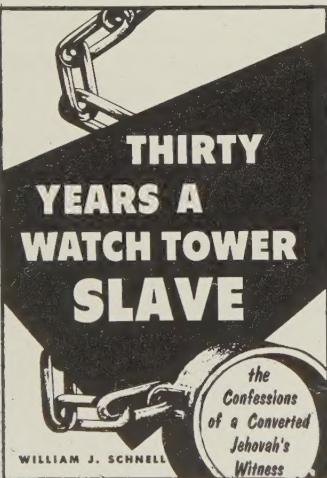
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- S Surrender: The past, present, future of sin, self unto service.
- T Trust: Trust your Heavenly Father.

Missionary Evangelism

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stroke, through a thirty-day missionary-evangelistic effort, an abiding work has been wrought.

Surely God's goodness is abundantly evident in this divine move in these last days. In the past, missionary expansion has demanded tedious, prolonged, painstaking pioneering, and results, even on a year-by-year basis, have often been pitifully small. Certainly, our brethren of the past generation achieved an essential basic foundation by work of this nature. It is they who established the churches and schools that we do have that serve as an operational base for this current expansion. But how glorious it is that it has pleased God today, to marvelously open doors by His miraculous intervention. Truly, miracles are today's key to successful missionary evangelism.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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reports and these shortly will be available in published form in the District Yearbook.

Among the guests who were present for District Council were: George J. Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the Oregon District; Mr. Everett E. Eaton, who spoke concerning Social Security for ministers; Rev. N. D. Davidson, Superintendent of the Oregon District; Rev. Andrew Hanners, representative of the California Temperance Federation; Dr. Abbott J. Book, Executive Director of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches and Dr. Gerald LaRue, staff member of the Council of Churches.

There were motions of a vote of thanks to Pastor Don Lehman and Glad Tidings Temple of San Francisco for their kind hospitality, to Brother Oscar Arnesen, the parliamentarian, for a job well done and to all the committees and chairman of the committees for the work done in the District Council. The afternoon meeting recessed at two-thirty and District Council adjourned after the Friday evening service.

The Empty Tomb

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testant, teaches of His death, burial, and resurrection. We most emphatically believe that if Christ be not raised from the dead we are yet in our sins and we are lost.

Joy unspeakable and full of glory cannot be found by faith in a dead Christ. These fruits come only from faith in One alive from the dead and living for evermore. Peace of conscience comes only by faith in a living Christ. The Holy Spirit and all kindred blessings come only by faith in a living Christ.

A modernist said: "If the bones and dust of the body of Jesus were found somewhere today in a grave it would not make any difference to my faith." We answer that if the bones and dust of the body of Jesus were to be found and it could be proved that they were genuine, it would destroy the faith of all Christendom. A positive, hopeful, objective faith can only be found in the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is because He lives that we expect to live also. How glorious is the truth of the empty tomb!

Brother McLaughlin is Superintendent of the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God. This article is condensed from the March, 1956, issue of *Northwest District Messenger*.

Easter Gladness

The Christ Who died on Calvary,
Who shed His precious blood for me,
Arose again to set me free.
Oh, glory to His Name!
For me He bore the cruel cross,
For me He suffered shame and loss
To purge away my sin and dross
Oh, glory to His Name!
He died my sinful soul to save,
But rose triumphant o'er the grave,
To me eternal life He gave.
Oh, glory to His Name!
Today my joyful spirit sings,
He's risen with healing in His wings,
My Lord of Lords and King of Kings!
Oh, glory to His Name!
Oh won't you come and seek Him too?
Do seek Him and be born anew,
He drained the bitter cup for you.
Then you will praise His Name.
Oh do not turn my Christ away,
He's knocking at your heart today,
Oh won't you ask Him in to stay?
You'll praise His Holy Name.
Oh praise Him, shout for joy and sing,
And in your heart enthrone Him King,
To all the world the tidings bring,
That Jesus lives today!

Pearl D. Rosenkranz

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

"Can We Count On You"

Glenda and Gordon McCollister whose parents are missionaries to Hawaii



"CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?" is a question asked of all the friends of Brother and Sister Glen McCollister of Lanikai, Oahu Hawaii. Their letter goes on to say, "We have seen mountains of blessings and valleys of discouragement and trials, but God has been with us. We are looking to God for greater things in 1957. It seems that we are still in the sowing time, but are looking to God for an increase, a real outpouring of His Spirit. Now is the time to go forward in Hawaii. Pray much with us concerning our new Church building. Stand with us that God shall work out every problem on our building program and will supply the financial needs. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU."

This past week we received a let-

ter from Don Sheley who was visiting in the McCollister home. It said in part - "I happened to be in the front room of their humble dwelling, when their check arrived. Tears filled their eyes as they pondered the amount of their full month's salary. Other than the fact that the church supplies them a place to live in, they must take care of the rest of the bills. In my own mind, I tried to make that amount of money stretch to buy food for their two lovely children, gas for their Speed-the-light car, license for the church bus, the light bill, etc. I too had tears in my eyes when I realized that it just wouldn't stretch. They still have three years to go before their next furlough."

SHALL WE REMEMBER THEY ARE COUNTING ON US?



Daisy Kennedy of Sierra Leonia, Africa, displays the lovely upright deepfreeze that was provided by the Central San Joaquin Section of which Sister Catherine Cook is the Sectional WMC Director. Writes Sister Kennedy: "Are we ever enjoying it! Today we had ice cream for dessert—a rare thing for us. Now I make bread only every 10 days or 2 weeks and keep it in the freezer. It used to get all mildewed in a few days. I buy a large piece of meat at the butchers, grind it up, and have hamburger packaged for my freezer. Surely the ladies of the WMC have been so kind to us."

LORD WE'LL GO

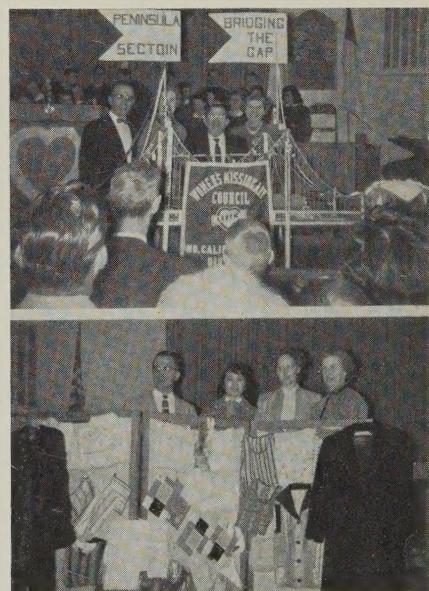
Tune: "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

1. We are women in the harvest,
Gleaning for our Lord today;
We've been summoned to His service,
And we dare not answer nay.
2. Many perishing and hungry,
Comes the cry from every land;
Still are waiting to be garnered,
By some kind and loving hand.
3. We may never cross the ocean,
For the Saviour we adore,
But we all can have our portion,
When the harvesting is o'er.
4. So when women thou art needing,
Lord to do some task for Thee;
Whether praying, clothing, feeding,
We'll perform it willingly.

Chorus:

Lord we'll go, yes we'll go
At your call to any shore,
Or we'll stay, work and pray
In the field near by our door.

—Margaret Overman



Two scenes from Bethel Church, San Jose. The upper picture includes the Peninsula Section prize winning WMC float with (l. to r.) Pastor Thomas Sutton, Mrs. Sutton, Evangelist Arthur Arnold, and WMC President Edna Markwalder. The WMC appeal was made more vivid by the use of the float with the slogan "Bridging the Gap" between home church and extension churches. The lower picture represents a shower on behalf of Agnes Rodli and Margaret Honda who were leaving for work in the orphanage at Valdez, Alaska. Pictured are (l. to r.) Pastor Sutton, Margaret Honda, Agnes Rodli, Mrs. Sutton.

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Workers Interested In Bible

General Motors has found that no single booklet is quite so popular among its employees as one which tells how to read the Bible. When copies were placed on the information racks of GM offices throughout the world, they disappeared so fast that the company printed more than 300,000 copies.

16 Million Teenagers Have \$9 Billion to Spend Yearly

There are more than 16,000,000 boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 19 years old in the nation today.

One of our surveys shows these teenagers have \$9,000,000,000 (billion) in the form of allowances or direct earnings — to spend every year.

Bible Break

An insurance man said, "I have found that a Bible break serves my purpose far better than the conventional coffee break. When the time comes, I shove my correspondence back, close my mind against the details of the morning's business and turn my attention to my Bible." This sounds like a good idea for all our Christians over the land. The inspiring word of God would certainly stimulate everyone far more than anything else.

Broken Homes

It is reported that in the U. S. there are some two million children under 18 who live with neither of their parents and nearly four million who live with only one parent.

Gambling in Nevada

Gambling places in Nevada grossed \$119,000,000 last year with Clark County accounting for \$70,000,000 and Washoe County \$35,000,000.

Sale of Gum Hit \$165,000,000

Sales of chewing gum in the United States in 1956 are estimated at an all time record of \$165,000,000 — a 21 per cent jump above the 1950 total.

Church Press Grown in West Germany

If the circulation of religious papers is any indication of interest in religion, then Christianity is growing in West Germany. Latest reports indicate there are 492 church publications with a total circulation of nearly 17 million. Religious periodicals constitute the second largest group of publications in West Germany surpassed in number only by industrial and trade papers. Highest circulation total registered by religious publications in all of pre-Nazi Germany was 10,300,000 in 1929.

Jewish Population Hits 11,900,000

The 58th Annual edition of the American Jewish Yearbook estimates the world's Jewish population at 11,900,000 — a slight increase over last year. The Jewish population of the United States is put at 5,200,000.

Bible Society Distribution Near Half-Billion

The American Bible Society expects to distribute its half-billionth volume of the Scriptures some time this Spring. To date 481 million Scriptures have been distributed by the Society since its formation in 1816.

Millions of Scriptures Placed

The Gideons report that since their founding 58 years ago, 32,373,248 Bibles, Testaments and Gospels have been distributed. World membership of the organization is 21,645.

Crime Hits New Peak

Data available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicates a record 2,534,000 major crimes were committed during 1956. This is an increase of 12 per cent over those of 1955 and surpasses by 267,000 the previous high, recorded in 1954.

Atom Attack Could Kill 98%

Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson has warned congress that without access to mass shelters 98% of America's city dwellers might die in surprise atomic attack. Even with the best shelters possible, he said, 40 per cent of the city populace could be lost. Peterson said in closed door testimony that he has recommended to the White House a shelter building program to cost \$32,000,000,000.

Evangelical Magazine for India Planned

The Evangelical Literature Fellowship of India has announced that KIRAN, the first all-India evangelical magazine is to be launched during 1957. The initial scheme provides for an issue of 5,000 in each of four languages, with the hope that at least two more languages will be added later.

KIRAN will be a 16-page effort, probably patterned after AFRICA CHALLENGE, the very successful magazine produced by the Sudan Interior Mission for Africa. The first four-language editions will be Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, and Marathi.

Fred Tiessen of the India staff of International Missions, Inc. (97 Summit Avenue, Jersey City 4, N. J.) has been named Chairman of the magazine committee.

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